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The Senate met at 2:02 p.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, these days in the Senate are filled with crucial issues, differences on solutions, and vital votes on legislation. We begin this day with a question that You asked King Solomon, "Ask. What shall I give you?" We empathize with Solomon's answer. He asked for an "understanding heart." We are moved with the more precise Hebrew translation of an "understanding heart," meaning a "hearing heart."

Solomon wanted to hear a word from You for the perplexities that he faced. He longed for the gift of wisdom so that he could have answers and directions for his people. We are inspired by Your response: "See, I have given you a wise and listening heart."

I pray for nothing less as You answer this urgent prayer for the women and men of this Senate. Help them to listen to Your guidance and grant them wisdom for their debates and decisions. All through our history as a nation You have made good men and women great when they humbled themselves, confessed their need for Your wisdom, and listened intently to You. Speak Lord;

we need to hear Your voice in the cacophony of other voices. We are listening. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE VOINOVICH, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 4 p.m. with Senators DURBIN and THOMAS in control of the time. Following morning business, the Senate is expected to consider the VA-HUD appropriations bill. It is hoped that legislation can be completed in short order and without a rollcall vote. However, if a rollcall vote is requested, the vote will occur tomorrow at a time to be determined.

On Wednesday, there will be up to 7 hours of debate on the conference report to accompany the sex trafficking victims bill. Senator THOMPSON will

make a point of order against the report, and a vote is expected relative to appealing the ruling of the Chair. Senators can also expect a vote on the adoption of the sex trafficking conference report. The Senate may also begin consideration of the Agriculture appropriations conference report during tomorrow's session.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VOINOVICH). Under the previous order, the time of the leaders is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now be in a period of morning business for 2 hours.

### CONGRESSMAN BRUCE VENTO

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I was just informed by the Sergeant at Arms that BRUCE VENTO, a Member of the House of Representatives, died today, just a short time ago.

I served in the House with BRUCE. After I left the House, I saw him virtually every day; he and I worked out in the House gym every morning. He

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